



Brownfields 2016 Revolving Loan Fund Grant Fact Sheet

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities around the country cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Revolving Loan Fund Grant

\$620,000 for hazardous substances

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission for a brownfields revolving loan fund grant. The grant will be used to capitalize a revolving loan fund from which the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission will provide four loans and four subgrants to support cleanup activities for sites contaminated with hazardous substances and petroleum. Grant funds also will be used to market the RLF, support cleanup planning, and conduct community engagement activities. RLF activities will cover all 15 municipalities served by the Planning Commission, and the primary target areas will be the urban centers of Haverhill, Lawrence, and Methuen.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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